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Steve has an (obvious) crush on Nancy and Jonathan, one that he's just discovered now that the Byers are back in Hawkins. Robin helps her best friend ask his two crushes out.

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It was the summer of 1986, a year after all the stuff with the Mind Flayer and the Starcourt Mall and the Nazis happened. Life in Hawkins had turned back to normal after Joyce, El, Jonathan, and Will left. Almost a little too normal, Steve thought. It hadn't been this normal in Hawkins since 1983, back when he was still dating Nancy.

Speaking of Nancy, during the year after the Byers had left, Steve had realized that he still had feelings for Nancy. Strong feelings. She was still in a long-distance relationship with Jonathan, though, so there was no chance with her for the time being.

But what Steve was feeling about his feelings for Nancy was weird. He didn't understand it. It wasn't jealousy or envy. He still loved her and Jonathan together. He thought they were perfect together. He still loved Nancy, but not at the expense of Jonathan.

All of that confusion about his feelings culminated in, when the Byers came back to Hawkins the next summer, Steve realizing he also had feelings for Jonathan, feelings as strong as his feelings for Nancy.

Steve was even more confused. How could he like dudes, especially Jonathan? How could he like both girls and guys? And how could he like two different people, who were also dating each other?

He needed help. He needed advice. And there was one person, in particular, he knew he could get good advice from.

"Robin, I think I like Nancy and Jonathan."

There weren't many people in the Family Video that Steve worked at. All of the people in the store were either still browsing for movies or being checked out by the other guy who worked at the store. Meaning, Steve and Robin had a little break to chat.

Robin looked at Steve with a blank expression, expecting something else. When Steve didn't continue, she slowly nodded. "Yeah. Yeah, I know, Steve. Everyone knows."

“No,” Steve started to explain. “I *like* like them. Like, I have romantic feelings for them. For both of them.”

Robin nodded again. “Yeah. As I said, everyone knows that.”

Steve was dumbfounded. He furrowed his eyebrows, confused. “I thought you’d be more shocked than that.”

“It was obvious,” Robin shrugged and chuckled, crossing her arms.

“And... everyone knows? Like, everyone in Hawkins?” Steve asked, genuinely worried. He didn’t want his feelings to be that obvious to everyone.

“Well, not everyone, but at least all of your friends. Like, the little kids that you’re friends with,” Robin emphasized.

Steve ignored Robin’s snide remark at him being friends with a bunch of people younger than him. “And that’s normal, right? Like, wanting to date two people at the same time?”

Robin nodded. “Yes, Steve. It’s not very widely accepted by everyone yet, but it’s okay.”

Steve frowned. “I don’t like being not accepted,” he admitted.

“Yeah, I don’t either, but people are mean, and that’s that,” Robin shrugged helplessly. “You’re bisexual, you have to go through more homophobia than me, considering that there are gay guys and lesbians who are homophobic.”

Steve still remembered visibly when he first heard that word, bisexual. Robin was talking about how she finally got together with her crush, Tammy Thompson, and about how Tammy was bisexual. Steve had never heard of such a thing, so he asked Robin what it meant, and she told him what it meant. Steve had no idea about his feelings for Jonathan back then, so he never thought he’d be bisexual himself. Look where he is now.

Steve sighed. “So, how do I ask them out? Do you think they’d be okay with it? Is Nancy even into me anymore? Is Jonathan bi too? How did you ask out your girlfriend?”

Robin rolled her eyes at Steve's rambling. "Too many questions, Steve. You just gotta ask them. That's what I did with Tammy."

"So, just... ask them?" Steve repeated. He wasn't so sure about Robin's advice, but he still appreciated it nonetheless.

Robin nodded. "Just ask them."

Ironically, just as if Robin summoned them into the Family Video, Nancy and Jonathan walked in, holding hands. Nancy noticed Steve and Robin from across the store and waved at them. Steve, surprised, waved back.

Robin tilted her head, a knowing smirk on her face. "Just ask them," she repeated.

Steve was filled with an odd sense of bravery at Robin's words. He nodded back at her. "Alright," he said underneath his breath. He was going to ask out his two crushes today. If they didn't like him back and thought that was weird, who cares anymore!

Steve watched Nancy and Jonathan browse through the movies as Robin helped a customer who had arrived just after the couple. As Steve was watching them, he noticed them whispering to each other and sending glances and smirks over at him. Steve didn't know what they were talking about and why they were looking at him, but he smiled back.

Before he knew it, Nancy and Jonathan were approaching Steve behind the counter. "Hey, Steve," greeted Jonathan with a smile.

"Hey, Jonathan. Hey, Nancy," Steve greeted his two crushes. "Did you guys pick out a movie?"

"Not yet," Jonathan shook his head.

Nancy continued to explain. "We went on our first date in a year yesterday, and we were planning on going on another date today. A movie date," she glanced over at her boyfriend, love in her eyes. She turned back to Steve. "But we didn't know that you would be here."

"Yeah, I work here almost every day now that's it's the summertime,"

Steve told them, and they nodded in return.

Nancy and Jonathan looked at each other. Jonathan nodded hesitantly at her first, then Nancy nodded back. The two turned back to Steve, who was still confused. Steve was confused a lot.

“Steve,” Nancy started slowly. “Would you like to go on a date with us tomorrow?”

Steve was too shocked to function. Nancy and Jonathan liked him back? He didn’t have to be the one to ask them out?

Jonathan noticed that Steve wasn’t talking, so he continued. “Like, an actual date with us. You wouldn’t be a third wheel or anything, we’d both be dating you, I guess.”

Steve finally spoke. “You guys actually like me?” he asked in disbelief. He never thought that anyone would ever like him, let alone his two crushes.

Nancy and Jonathan both nodded in sync. “Yeah,” Nancy smiled. “We both really like you, Steve.”

Steve looked back over his shoulder at Robin, who was done with the customer she was helping and now looking at him. She was widely beaming. Steve turned back to Nancy and Jonathan. “I... I’d love to, actually. I’ve liked you both for quite some time now.”

“Great,” smiled Jonathan. “So, what are we gonna do?”

“How about at my place?” suggested Nancy. “Mike’s gonna be over at Dustin’s tomorrow, so we’ll have the place all to ourselves. Other than my parents, of course,” she quickly added.

“We can watch a movie?” asked Jonathan with a shrug.

“Ooh, that sounds like a good idea,” said Nancy. “I have a few movies at my house that both of you haven’t watched yet.”

“Wait, then why are you guys here if Jonathan hasn’t seen all of the movies at your house, Nancy?” Steve asked. Just as he was done talking, he realized something. “Oh my god, you guys came here just

to ask me out, didn't you?" he asked, his face red.

Nancy and Jonathan smirked and nodded. "Yeah," Jonathan admitted.

"Wow," said Steve, still kind of in denial about the whole situation. This was too perfect to be real, wasn't it? "Well, I don't have work tomorrow. I'll be at your house... around noon?"

"Around noon sounds good," Nancy nodded. "Well, we'll see you then Steve."

Nancy and Jonathan exchanged coy glances, then both leaned in over the counter to plant a kiss on each of Steve's cheeks. They both quickly said goodbye to both Steve and Robin and made their way out of the store.

Steve was too flustered to function. Robin slowly approached him from behind, laughing. "So, it looks like you now have a date with both of your crushes and you didn't do anything? Wow, good for you," she patted him on the shoulder, snapping him out of his trance.

"Yeah," Steve nodded. "I can't believe they like me back."

"Yeah, yeah, I can't believe it either. Now, move along. You've got a day of work before you can fantasize about the perfect date you guys are gonna have tomorrow," said Robin.

Steve laughed, remembering something. "I didn't even have to use your advice to get them."

"Oh, shut up," Robin slapped Steve in the arm before walking away in rage.

"Hey!" Steve shouted after her, laughing. "It's true, though!"